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In re application of:

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Implementations from High-Level
Descriptions of Electronic Design
Using Placement Based Information**

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Art Unit: 2825

Examiner: Thuan V. Do

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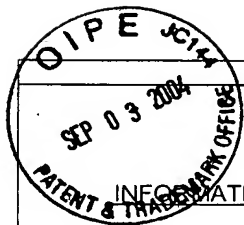
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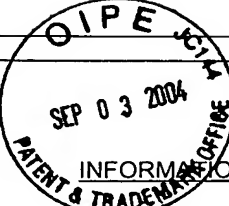
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	AT	1	<u>Layout Driven Technology Mapping</u> , Massoud Pedram et al., 28th ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference, pages 99-105

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